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FIGURE 1: LOCATION OF VINH YEN, NORTH VIETNAM .

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## PREFACE

A comparative photographic analysis using [redacted] and [redacted] was accomplished to locate military facilities in the VINH YEN Area, North Vietnam, and to assist in the evaluation of a National Interrogation Center (Saigon) report on the 202nd Armor Regiment.

The VINH YEN AMMUNITION DEPOT [redacted] and portions of the VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA [redacted] are cloud covered or not covered by the photography used to compile this report.

Automatic weapon positions and personnel trenches are scattered throughout the area and are not described in this report. Tanks have been observed in or at some of the shelters identified in this report as armored-vehicle lean-to shelters. This identification serves to describe the type of structure and its probable function; however, it is possible other vehicles could use these facilities.

This report is organized into sections corresponding with geographical areas within UTM grid zone 48QWJ (See Figure 2).

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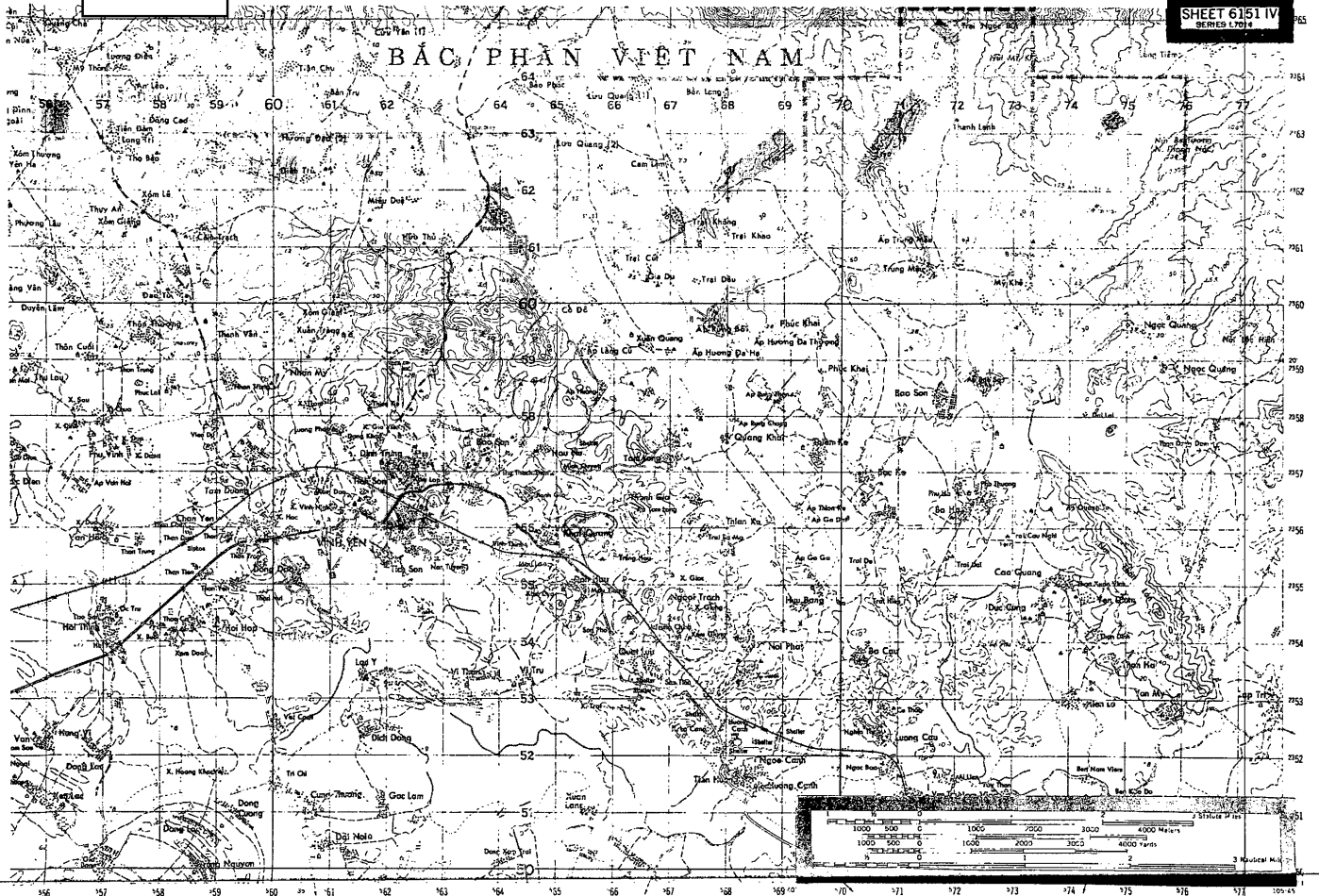


FIGURE 2: LOCATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE VINH YEN AREA.

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## SECTION I

MY KHE AREAA. Barracks Area UTM 748633 (21 22 20N-105 43 15E)1. Location:

8.0 nm NE of VINH YEN; 1.8 nm NNE of MY KHE (See Figure 3).

2. Description:

This installation is fence secured and contains:

- 1 Administration building
- 12 Barracks
- 1 Messhall
- 4 Storage buildings
- 12 Support buildings

3. Remarks:

No vehicles or pieces of equipment were observed on either mission. Dirt roads lead to the training areas to the south-west and to the military activity in the THANH LANH Area.

B. Driver-Training Area UTM 748606 (21 20 50N-105 43 15E)1. Location:

7.3 nm NE of VINH YEN; 0.9 nm east of MY KHE (See Figure 4).

2. Description:

This facility is an irregularly-shaped probable tracked-vehicle driver-training course which extends in a NE/SW direction for 3000 to 3500 feet. One barracks, one possible vehicle maintenance building, and a support building are located on the south-west edge of the area. No vehicles or pieces of equipment were observed.

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C. Driver-Training Area UTM 745592 (21 20 10N-105 43 15E)

1. Location:

7.0 nm NE of VINH YEN; 1.1 nm east of MY KHE (See Figure 5).

2. Description:

This facility is an elliptically-shaped wheeled/tracked-vehicle driver-training course which extends in a NE/SW direction for 3500 to 4000 feet. No vehicles or pieces of equipment were observed.

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BARRACKS AREA  
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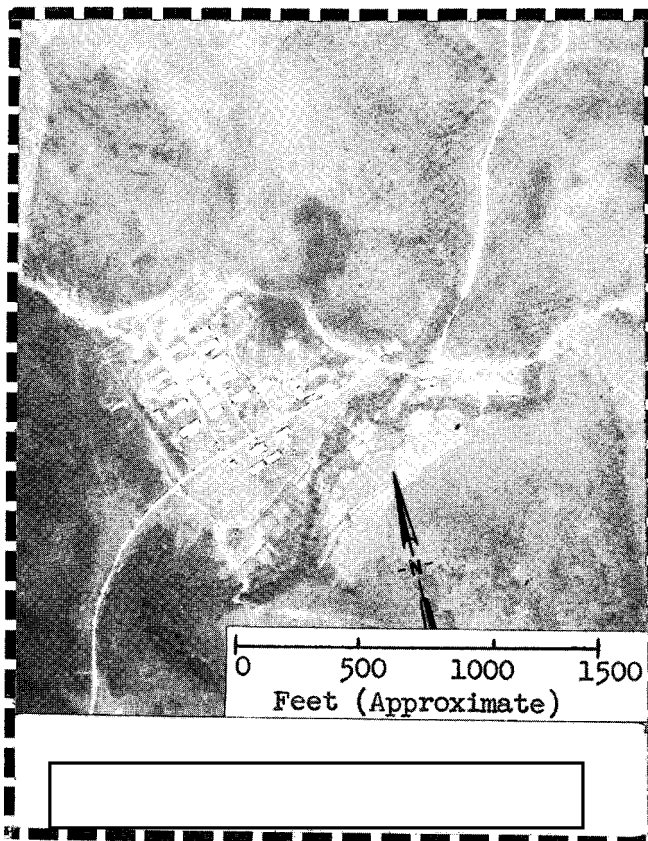


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DRIVER-TRAINING AREAS  
MY KHE, NORTH VIETNAM

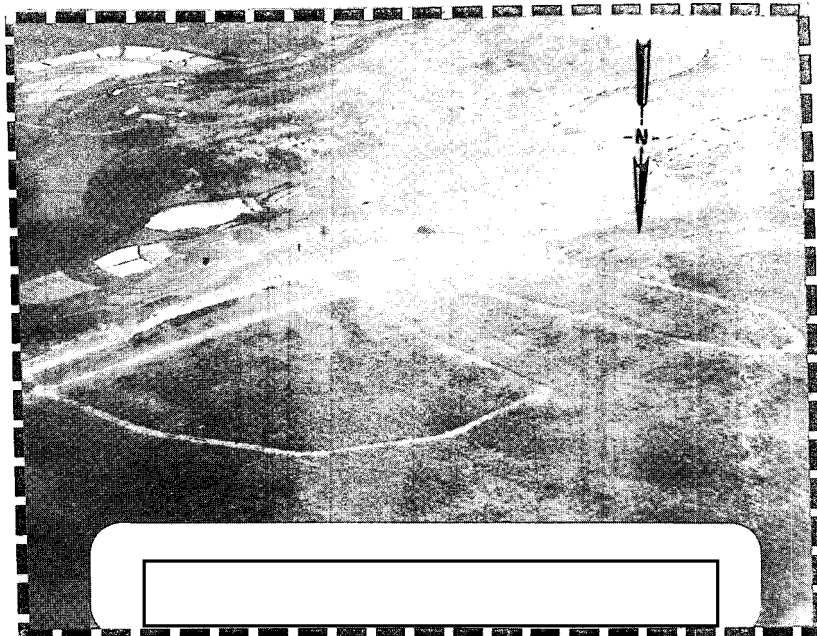


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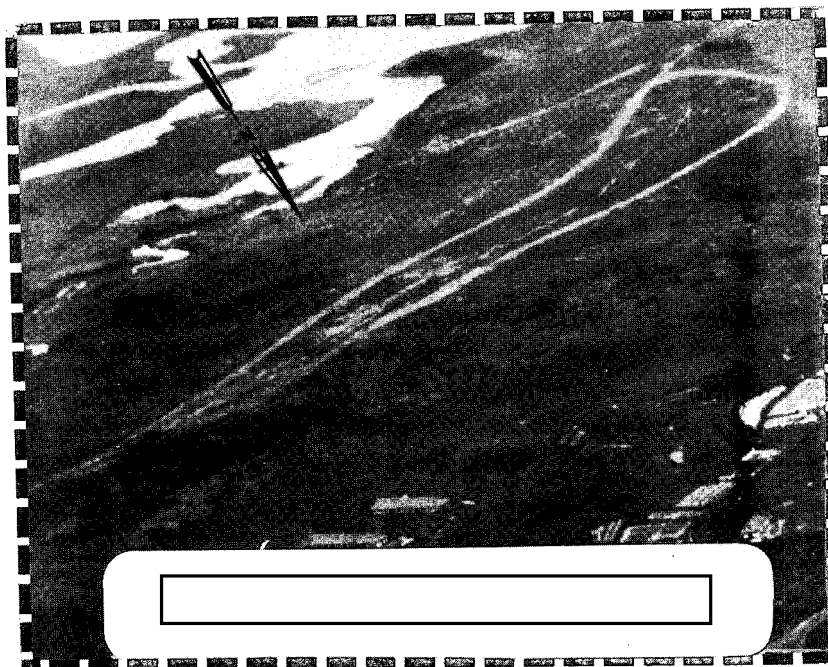


FIGURE 5

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SECTION II

THANH LANH & THRUNG MAU AREAS

A. THANH LANH AREA

1. Barracks and Armored-Vehicle Area UTM 718646 (21 23 00N-105 41 30E)

a. Location:

7.3 nm NE of VINH YEN; 1.0 nm north of THANH LANH (See Figure 6).

b. Description:

This installation contains:

- 4 Barracks/village houses
- 5 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters
- 6 Possible armored-vehicle lean-to shelters

NOTE: Each lean-to shelter appears to accommodate one vehicle.

c. Remarks:

Dirt roads lead directly to the military activity observed at THRUNG MAU.

2. Barracks and Armored-Vehicle Area UTM 705630 (21 22 10N-105 41 00E)

a. Location:

6.0 nm NE of VINH YEN; 0.5 nm west of THANH LANH (See Figure 7).

b. Description:

This facility contains:

- 28 Barracks/village houses
- 8 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters
- 2 Probable armored-vehicle lean-to shelters
- 16 Support buildings
- A large number of defensives positions and personnel trenches

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c. Remarks:

Earth scarring indicates this is an active area. Dirt roads lead to other nearby military facilities. (Arrows on Figure 7 denote unidentified equipment).

NOTE: The 2nd Battalion of the 202nd Armor Regiment is reported at THANH LANH (See Document Reference).

B. THRUNG MAU AREA

1. Barracks and Armored-Vehicle Area UTM 715607 (21 20 55N-105 41 15E)

a. Location:

6.0 nm NE of VINH YEN; NW edge of THRUNG MAU (See Figure 8).

b. Description:

This facility contains:

- 1 Administration building
- 24 Village houses/barracks
- 9 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters

c. Remarks:

Arrows on Figure 8 indicate the lean-to shelters, a U/I vehicle, and a CHICOM liberation-type van truck.

2. Barracks and Armored-Vehicle Area UTM 698605 (21 20 50N-105 40 25E)

a. Location:

5.0 nm NE of VINH YEN; 1.0 nm west of THRUNG MAU (See Figure 9).

b. Description:

This facility contains:

- 8 Barracks/village houses
- 9 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters

c. Remarks:

Dirt roads provide access to THRUNG MAU and to the tank/assault gun moving-target firing range located 1.3 nm northwest.

NOTE: The 4th Battalion of the 202nd Armor Regiment is reported at THRUNG MAU (See Document Reference).

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BARRACKS AND ARMORED-VEHICLE AREA  
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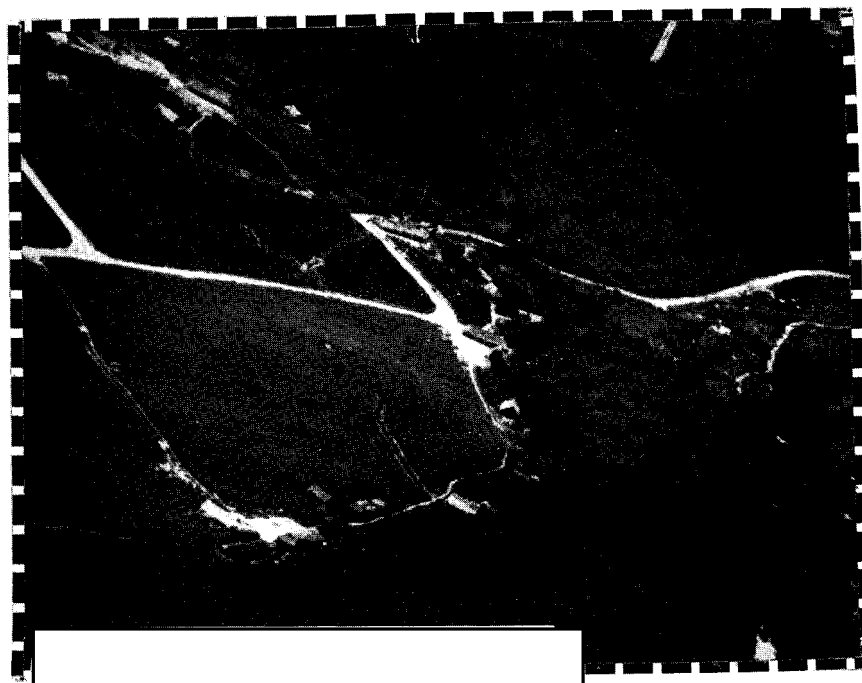


FIGURE 6

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BARRACK AND ARMORED VEHICLE AREA  
THANH LANH, NORTH VIETNAM

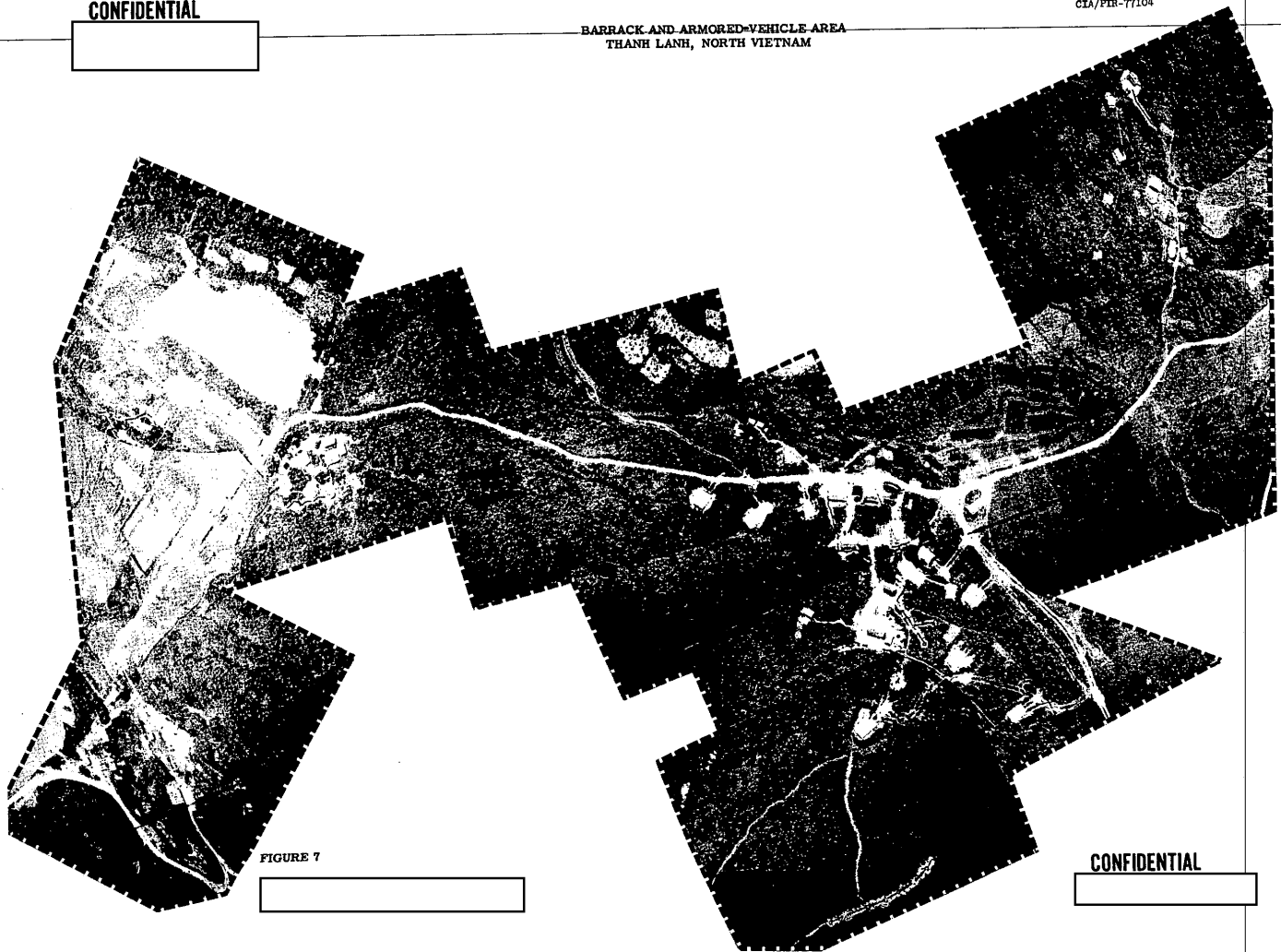


FIGURE 7

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BARRACK AND ARMORED-VEHICLE AREA  
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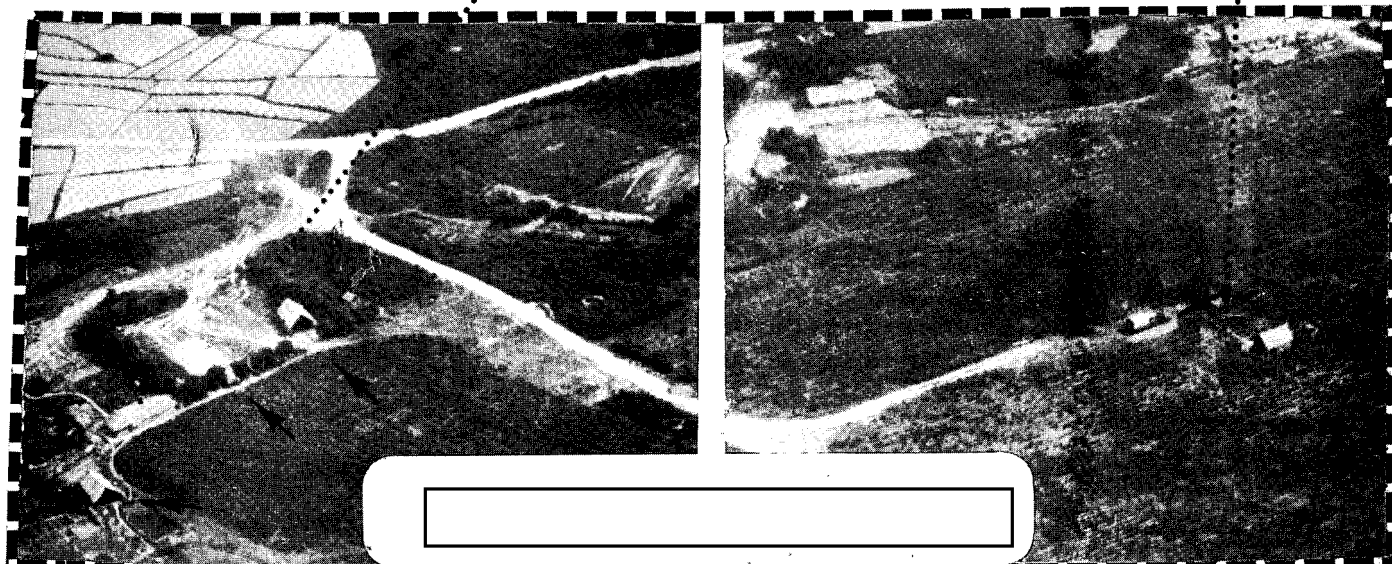
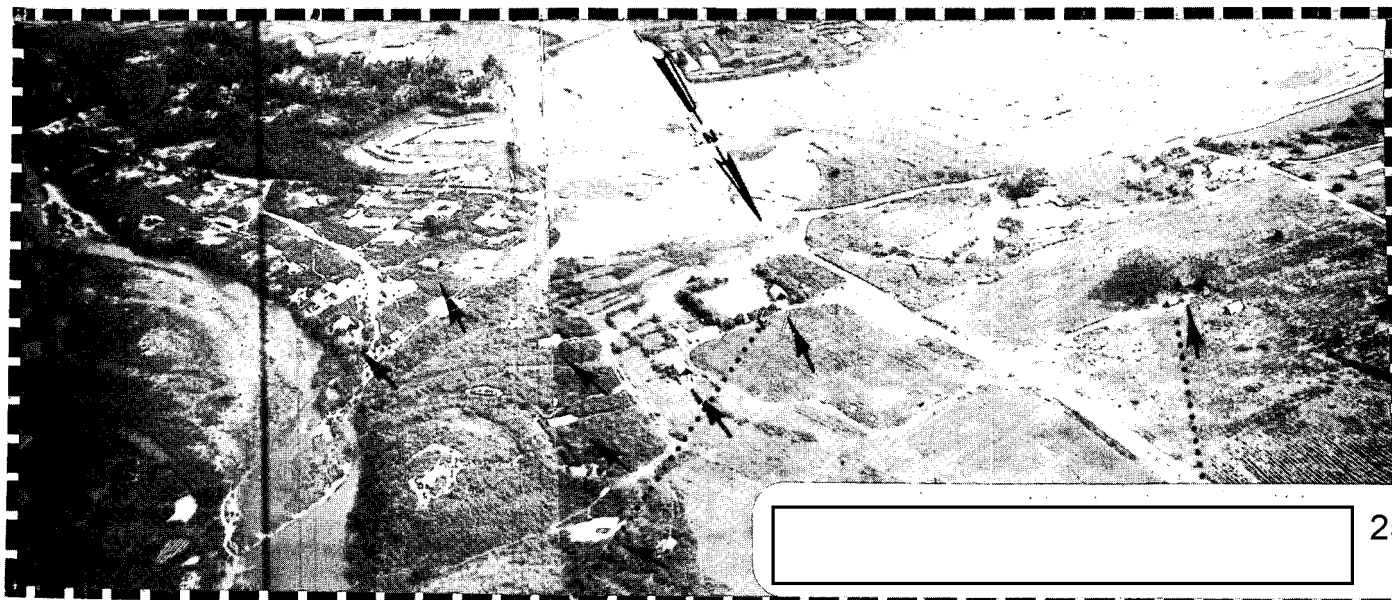


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BARRACKS AND ARMORED-VEHICLE AREA  
TRUNG MAU , NORTH VIETNAM

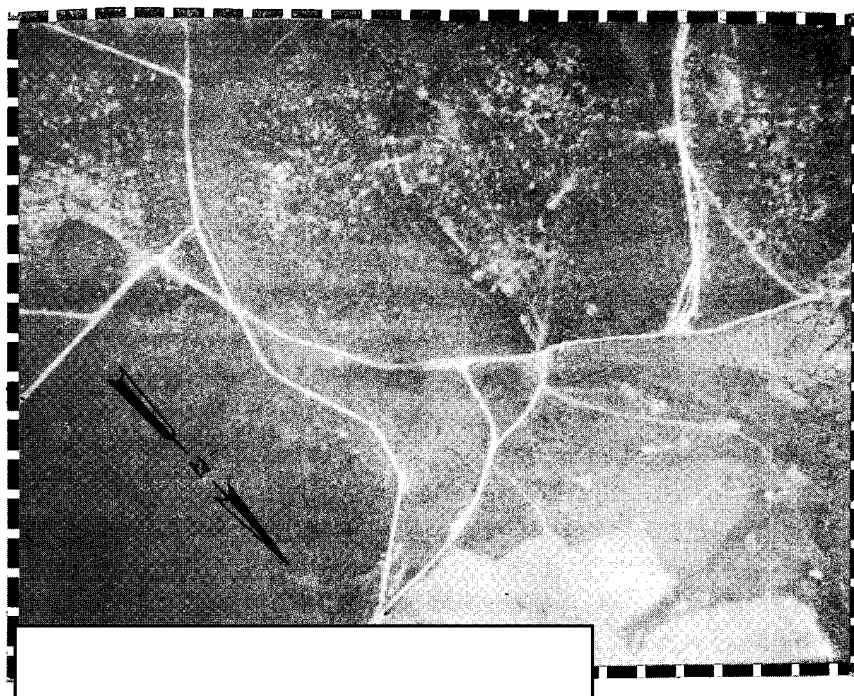
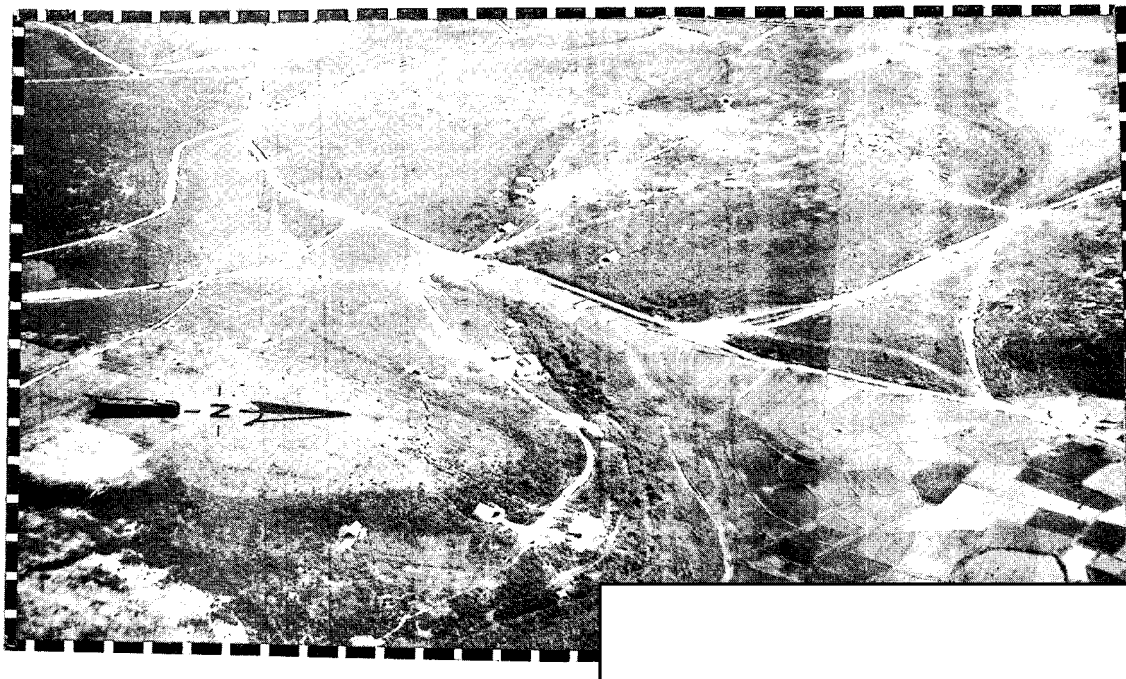


FIGURE 9

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## SECTION III

LUU QUANG AREAA. Tank/Assault-Gun Moving-Target Firing Range UTM 685625  
(21 22 00N-105 44 35E)1. Location:

5.2 nm NE of VINH YEN; 1.2 nm SE of LUU QUANG; 0.5 nm NE of TRAI KHONG (See Figure 10).

2. Description:

The range, approximately 4,500 feet in length, is fence secured. The firing lanes are poorly defined but three areas appear to have the most traffic. Seven, possibly eight moving-target runs and a number of possible pop-up targets are observed. The range contains 1 revetted ammunition storage building, 1 fire-control building, 1 range building, 2 probable vehicle sheds, 4 support buildings, 2 tank lean-to shelters, and 1 probable maintenance building.

3. Remarks:

A firing school is reported at LUU QUANG (See Document Reference).

B. Military Camp TRAI KHONG UTM 671615 (21 21 20N-105 38 50E)1. Location:

4.2 nm NE of VINH YEN; 1.2 nm SE of LUU QUANG (See Figure 11).

2. Description:

The military appears to occupy the village of TRAI KHONG; however, the number of houses used by the military is undetermined. Automatic weapon positions and earth scarring are observed. On the west and east sides of a hill mass 0.5 nm SE of the village are 3 armored-vehicle lean-to shelters, 1 possible lean-to shelter and 4 possible tank revetments. A well used dirt road leads to the moving-target firing range. (An arrow on Figure 11 denotes a fuel truck observed).

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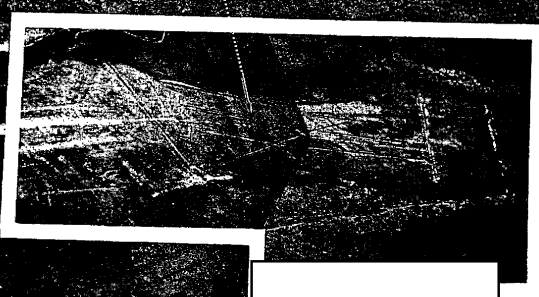
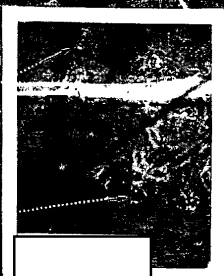
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TANK/ASSAULT-GUN MOVING TARGET FIRING RANGE  
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0 200 400 600 800 1000  
Feet (Approximate)

FIGURE 10

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MILITARY CAMP AT TRAI KHONG  
LUU QUANG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

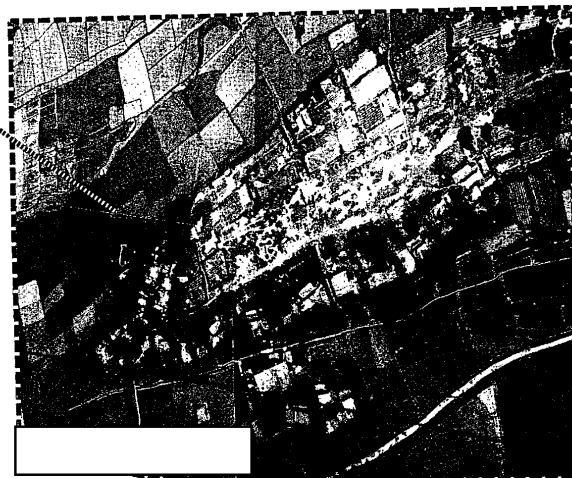


FIGURE 11

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## SECTION IV

VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS NE GIA DU UTM 678604 (21 20 45N-105 39 15E)

1. Location:

4.3 nm NE of VINH YEN; 0.2 nm SE of TRAI DAU (See Figure 12).

2. Description:

This facility is comprised of three parts which contain:

## a. Southern Area

- 2 Administration buildings
- 13 Barracks
- 9 Vehicle sheds
- 4 Storage buildings
- 22 Support buildings

## b. Central Area

- 4 Barracks
- 5 Support buildings

## c. Northern Area

- 4 Barracks
- 1 Vehicle/equipment shed
- 1 Possible vehicle shed
- 2 Support buildings

3. Remarks:

A road from the northern area leads westward across the dam of a small pond to a low hill mass on which many earth scars are observed. This appears to be a training area consisting of fox-holes and automatic weapon positions.

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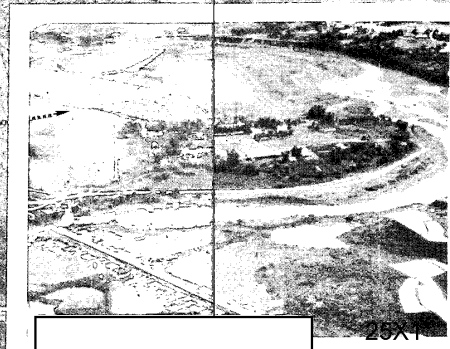
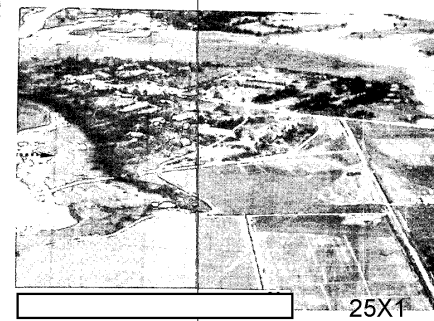
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VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS NE GIA DU  
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FIGURE 12

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## SECTION V

VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS NNE UTM 645610 (21 21 00N-105 37 15E)

1. Location:

3.5 nm NNE of VINH YEN; 1.2 nm south of BAO PHAC (See Figures 13 and 14).

2. Description:

Part of this installation is fence-secured and part is wall-secured. The installation contains the following buildings identified by number:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	4 Vehicle sheds with 10 bays each
2	3 Support buildings which possibly contain parts for vehicles
3	1 Administration building
4	1 Maintenance building which may also contain a heat/power plant
5	1 Drive-through maintenance building
6	Possibly 5 vehicle ramps
7	3 Support buildings
8	2 Vehicle sheds with 14 bays each
9	2 Vehicle sheds; one with 14 bays and one with 12 bays
10	2 Vehicle sheds; one with 10 bays and one with 11 bays
11	2 Vehicle sheds; one with 10 bays and one with 11 bays

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- 12 2 Vehicle sheds with 10 bays each
- 13 2 Vehicle sheds; one with 10 bays and one with 11 bays
- 14 1 Vehicle shed with 10 bays, 1 equipment shed, and 1 support building
- 15 A subcaliber moving-target firing range, 300 x 350 feet, with two range support buildings (one has two vehicle bays and one has three)
- 16 A large athletic field
- 17 One support building, one vehicle shed with six bays, and one miscellaneous building with three bays and possible office space
- 18 Water towers (two locations)
- 19 Probable open-air theater
- 20 1 Support building (possible canteen)
- 21 4 Two-story barracks
- 22 4 Two-story barracks
- 23 1 Probable dispensary  
2 Support buildings and 1 messhall
- 24 4 Messhalls
- 25 6 Two-story barracks
- 26 1 Two-story administration building
- 27 1 "U"-shaped, two-story administration building/  
barracks
- 28 A vehicle/equipment maintenance area consisting of 2 probable vehicle/equipment sheds, 3 storage buildings, 1 administration building, and 7 support buildings

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- 29 Support area consisting of 6 support buildings with a long personnel trench crossing the area
- 30 Probable abandoned training area
- 31 Probable vehicle/equipment area consisting of 5 probable vehicle/equipment sheds

Many dependents quarters/native houses are located throughout the area.

3. Remarks:

The Headquarters for the 202nd Armor Regiment is reported at this installation. The source of the reported information refers to this area as VINH-PHUC; however, no village of this name is identified. The source also reported the village of BAO-PHAC (UTM 643638) to be the "relocated" site for the regimental headquarters. No military activity is confirmed at that village (See Document Reference).

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VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS NNE  
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0 500 1000 1500  
Feet (Approximate)

FIGURE 13

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VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS NNE  
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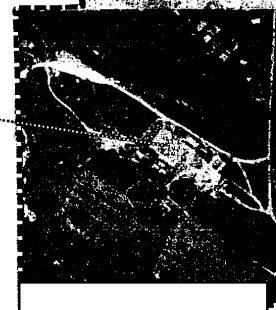
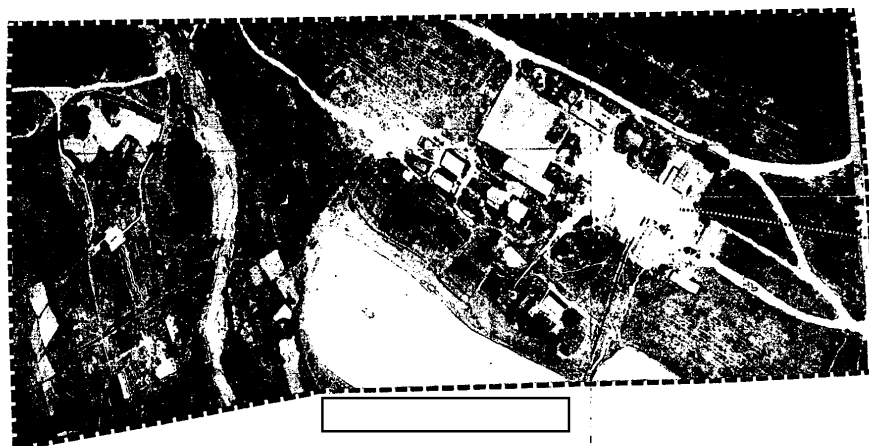
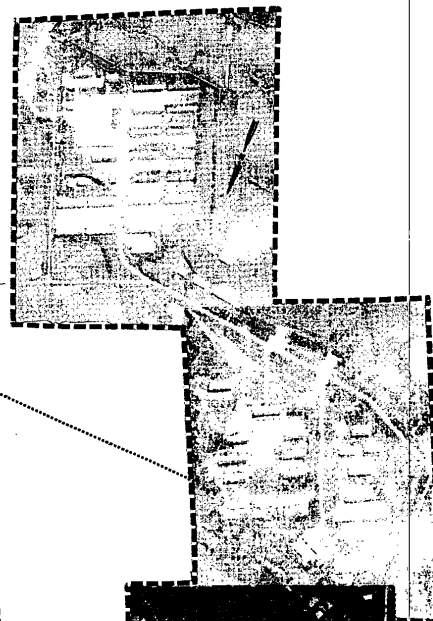
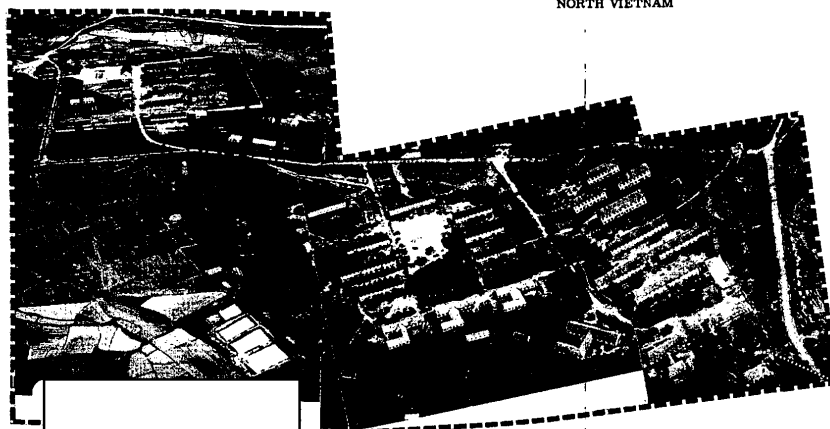


FIGURE 14

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SECTION VI

BAO SON and TAM LONG AREAS

A. Bao Son Barracks Area UTM 636578 (21 19 20N-105 36 50E)

1. Location:

1.6 nm NE of VINH YEN; 0.3 nm NW of BAO SON (See Figures 15 and 16).

2. Description:

This installation provides support and housing for training in the TAM LONG and HUU THU areas. The installation consists of:

Area A

- 1 Administration building
- 9 Barracks
- 2 Messhalls
- 3 Storage buildings
- 5 Support buildings

Area B

- 10 Barracks
- 1 Messhall
- 1 Support building

Area C

An athletic oval

Area D

- 4 Storage buildings
- 3 Support buildings
- 3 AAA sites
- 1 Possible AAA site

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Area E

10 Vehicle/equipment sheds  
8 Storage buildings

Area F

3 Probable ammunition storage buildings  
3 Storage buildings

B. TAM LONG Driver-Training Area UTM 650580 (21 19 30N-105 37 45E)

1. Location:

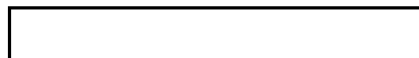
2.5 nm NE of VINH YEN; immediately NW of TAM LONG (See Figure 16).

2. Description:

The training area consists of two areas. The northwest portion includes three interlocking irregularly-shaped, closed-circuit, tracked-vehicle driver-training areas.

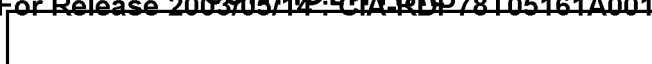
The southernmost portion consists of a series closed-circuit, wheeled-vehicle driver-training courses and a number of interlocking "Figure-8" driver-training courses.

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provides limited coverage on these areas.

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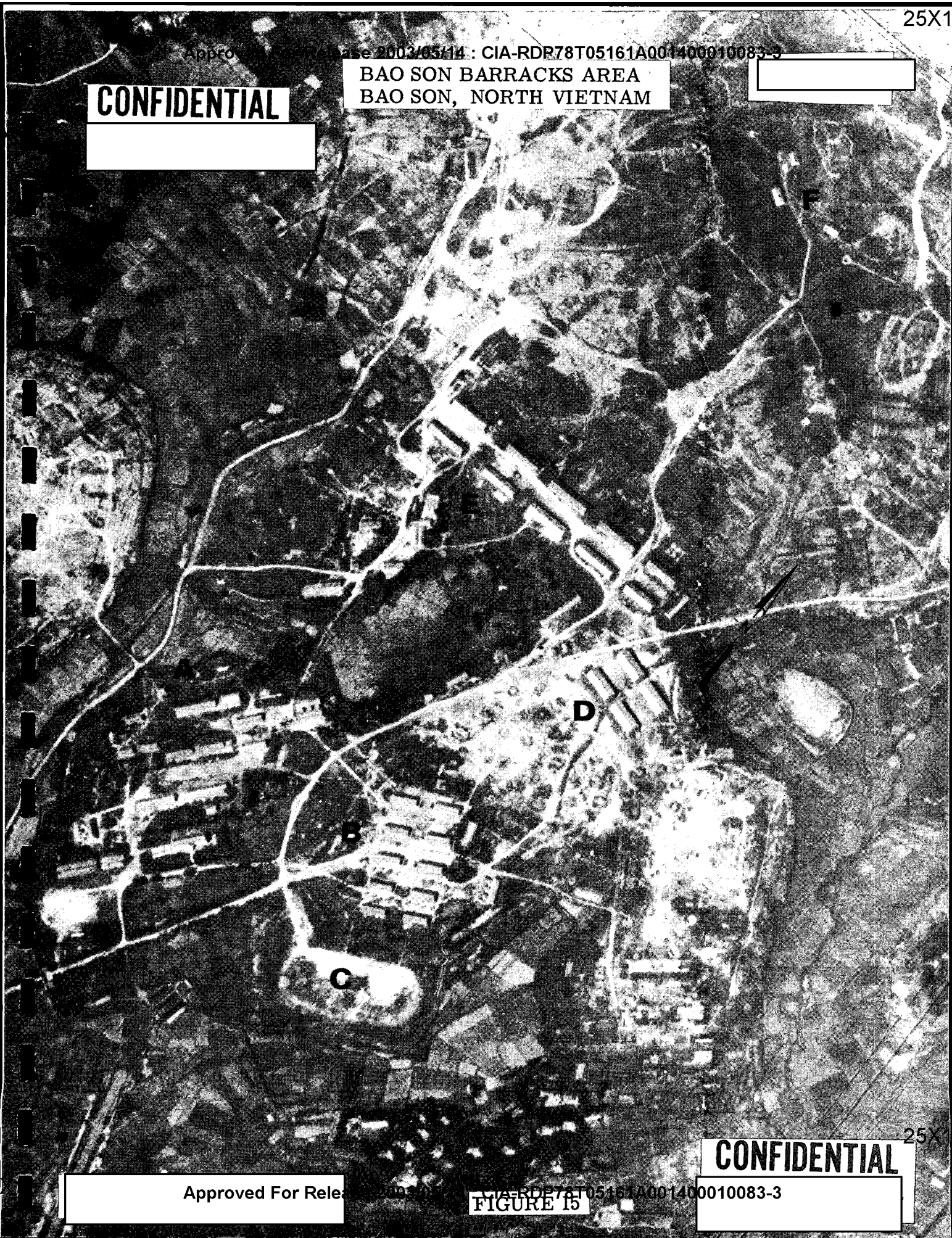


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FIGURE 15

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BAO SON AND TAM LONG AREAS  
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TAM LONG DRIVER TRAINING AREA

VINH YEN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA

0 500 1000 1500 2000  
Feet (Approximate)

FIGURE 16

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## SECTION VII

HUU THU and DIEN TRU AREASA. Military Barracks Area Near THIEN KE UTM 624587 (21 19 48N-105 36 00E)1. Location:

1.6 nm north of VINH YEN; 1.4 nm south of HUU THU; 0.3 nm NE of THIEN KE (See Figure 17, Area A).

2. Description:

This installation contains:

- 2 Administration buildings
- 12 Barracks
- 4 Probable barracks
- 4 Messhalls
- 6 Storage buildings
- 6 Vehicles sheds
- 14 Support buildings
- 2 Guard houses

Numerous personnel trenches are located in the area.

3. Remarks:

The 3rd Battalion of the 202nd Armor Regiment is reported to have moved to HOP-MINH village. However, there is no evidence of military housing at this location. Because of the close proximity of the reported coordinates to those of this area, it is possible that the 3rd Battalion is located here (See Document Reference).

B. Military Barracks Area Near VIEN DU UTM 598576 (21 19 18N-105 34 36E)1. Location:

1.5 nm NNW of VINH YEN; 2.5 nm SSW of HUU THU; 0.4 nm ESE of VIEN DU (See Figure 17, Area B).

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2. Description:

This installation contains:

- 1 Administration building
- 7 Barracks
- 2 Probable barracks
- 1 Messhall
- 4 Storage buildings
- 14 Support buildings

3. Remarks:

Personnel trenches are scattered throughout the area. No vehicles or pieces of equipment are observed.

C. HUU THU Driver-Training Area UTM 612608 (21 20 30N-105 36 00E)1. Location:

2.7 nm NNW of VINH YEN; 1.0 nm NE of HUU THU (See Figure 17, Area C).

2. Description:

This facility extends for approximately 2.7 nm and consists of numerous driver-training courses probably accommodating both tracked and wheeled vehicles. Located in the area is a small section that has one "Figure-8" course, 2 probable "Figure-8's" and 2 elliptically-shaped driver-training courses for wheeled vehicles. There are 10 support buildings, 2 barracks-type buildings, and 4 vehicle/equipment buildings.

D. Armored Vehicle Dispersal Area, DIEN TRU UTM 613623  
(21 21 54N-105 35 35E)1. Location:

3.6 nm north of VINH YEN; 0.8 nm north of HUU THU Driver-Training Area, immediately east of DIEN TRU (See Figures 17, Area D and 18).

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2. Description:

This area is divided into two sections (A and B) which contain:

Section A

- 7 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters
- 1 Vehicle/equipment shelter
- 2 Support shelters
- 3 Village houses

Section B

- 6 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters
- 2 Support shelters
- 3 Village houses

3. Remarks:

Interlacing trenches are found throughout the area. Within one trench system is an automatic weapon position. There is a dirt road that connects this dispersal area with the HUU THU Driver-Training Area. Arrows on Figure 18 denote vehicles observed.

E. Military Camp, DIEN TRU UTM 603623 (21 21 46N-105 34 57E).

1. Location:

3.6 nm NW of VINH YEN; 0.3 nm west of DIEN TRU (See Figures 17 - Area E, 19 and 20).

2. Description:

This area is divided into two sections (A and B) which contain:

Section A

- 10 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters
- 3 Possible armored-vehicle lean-to shelters
- 28 Village houses

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Section B

5 Armored-vehicle lean-to shelters  
16 Village houses

3. Remarks:

Throughout Sections A and B are numerous trenches with automatic weapon positions. Vehicle track activity is very heavy indicating this is an active dispersal area. (Arrows on Figures 19 and 20 denote vehicles observed). The DIEN TRU area is the reported location for the 1st Battalion, 202nd Armor Regiment (See Document Reference).

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ARMORED-VEHICLE DISPERSAL AREA  
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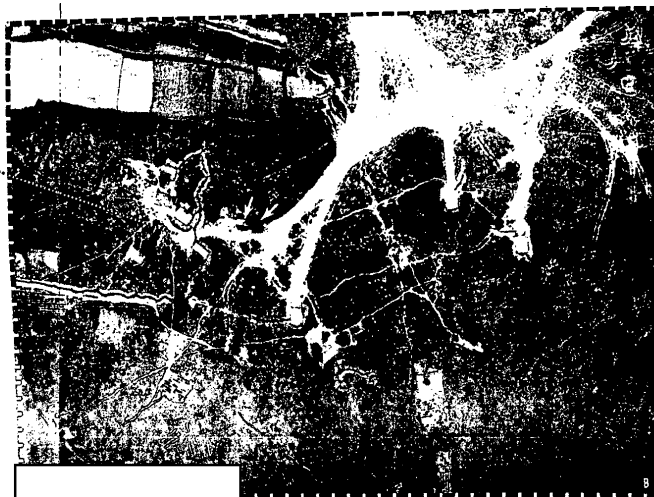
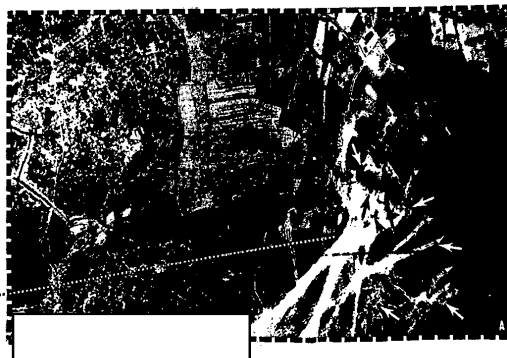
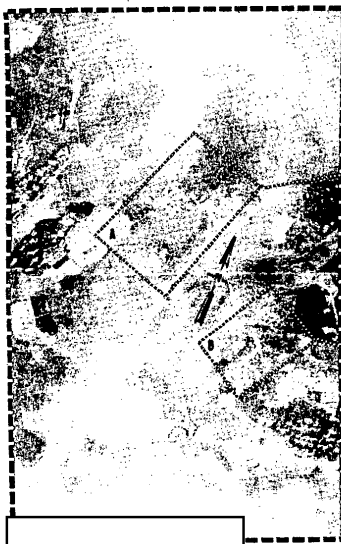


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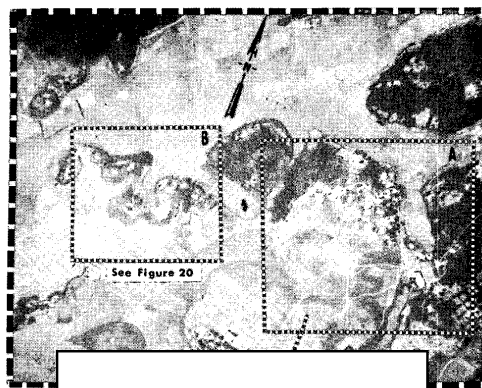
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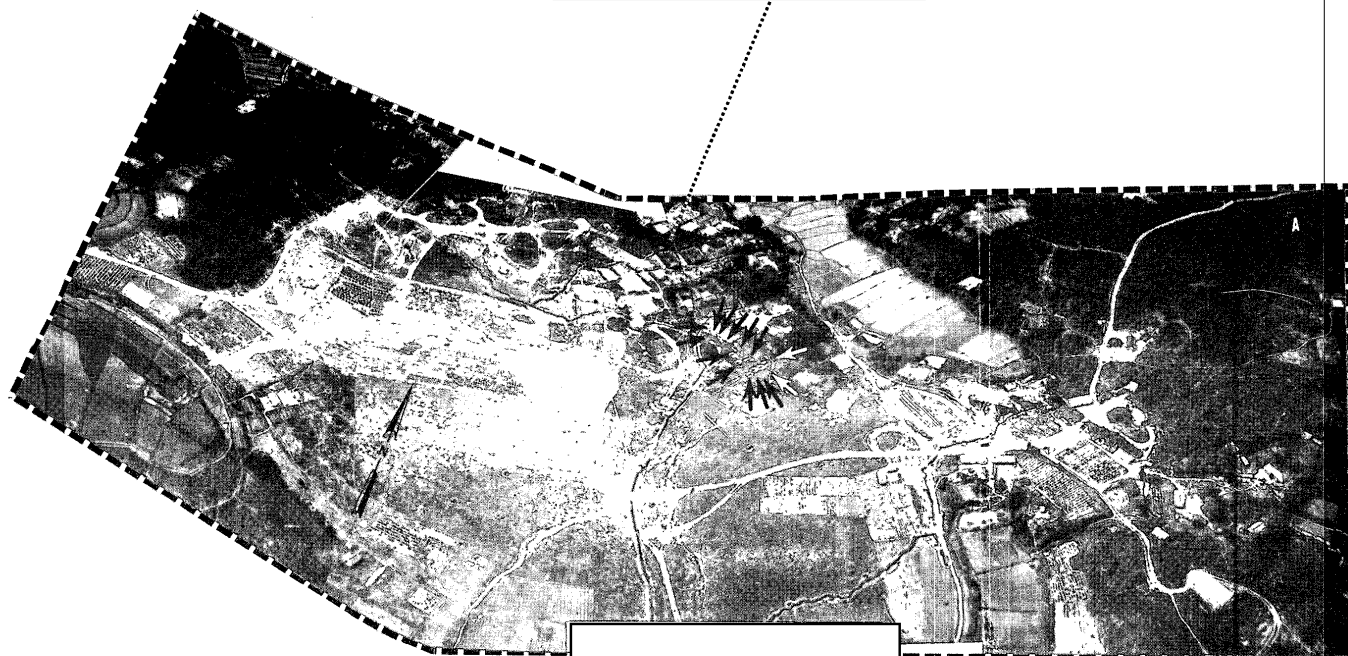
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FIGURE 19

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MILITARY CAMP  
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FIGURE 20

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SECTION VIII

MY THON BARRACKS AREA UTM 563635 (21 22 30N-105 32 30E)

A. Location:

5.2 nm NW of VINH YEN; 0.2 nm SW of MY THON (See Figure 21).

B. Description:

The installation is unsecured and contains:

- 2 Administration buildings
- 5 Barracks
- 3 Vehicle/equipment sheds (one has 10 bays, 1 has 15 bays,  
and the other an undetermined number of bays)
- 3 Storage buildings
- 1 Possible messhall
- 4 Support buildings
- 1 Driver-training area with interlocking "Figure-8" courses
- A number of personnel trenches

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MY THON BARRACKS AREA  
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FIGURE 21

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SECTION IX

VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHWEST UTM 603553 (21 17 58N-105 34 50E)

A. Location:

0.9 nm SW of VINH YEN (See Figure 22).

B. Description:

This installation is divided into five areas which contain:

Area A

- 1 Probable administration building
- 8 Barracks
- 6 Support buildings
- 1 Possible messhall
- 1 Building (under construction)
- Trenching in the area

Area B

- 1 Administration building
- 4 Barracks
- 1 Messhall
- 3 Support buildings

Area C

- 14 Storage buildings
- 10 Support buildings
- Extensive trenching in this area

Area D

- 1 Administration building
- 8 Barracks
- 1 Possible messhall
- 1 Probable storage building
- 5 Support buildings
- Trenching and possible automatic weapon positions

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Area E

- 3 Administration buildings
- 14 Probable barracks
- 8 Possible barracks
- 3 Buildings with connecting colonnades (suspect hospital)
- 3 Buildings with connecting colonnades (suspect hospital)
- 4 Buildings with connecting colonnades (suspect hospital)
- 5 Storage buildings
- 1 Possible messhall
- 16 Support buildings
- 1 Guard house

C. Remarks:

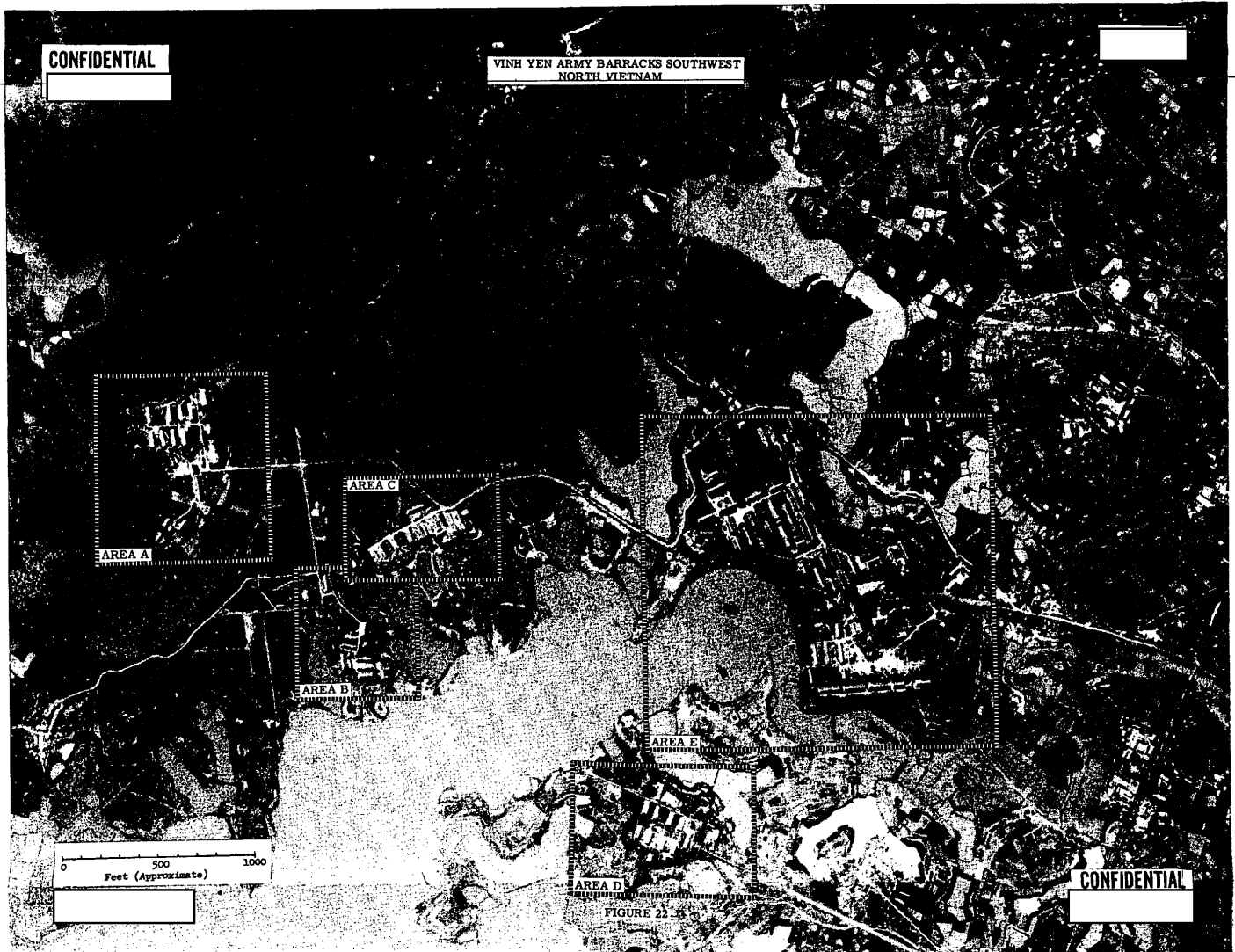
Area E is a suspect military area. Trenching is found only at the entrance of the area. The other portions do not contain trenching or other observable military signatures. This area appears to be a hospital or institutional facility.

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VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHWEST  
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FIGURE 22

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SECTION X

BACH HAC FERRY-BOAT LANDING SITE UTM 461534 (21 17 05N-105 26 40E)

A. Location:

9 nm WSW of VINH YEN; southern edge of BACH HAC (See Figure 23).

B. Remarks:

It is reported that armored vehicles in the VINH YEN area use this site to practice ferry-boat landing driving. No armored vehicles were observed in the area (See Document Reference).

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SECTION XI

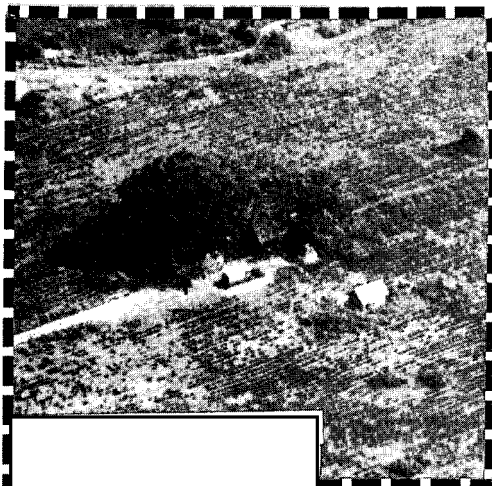
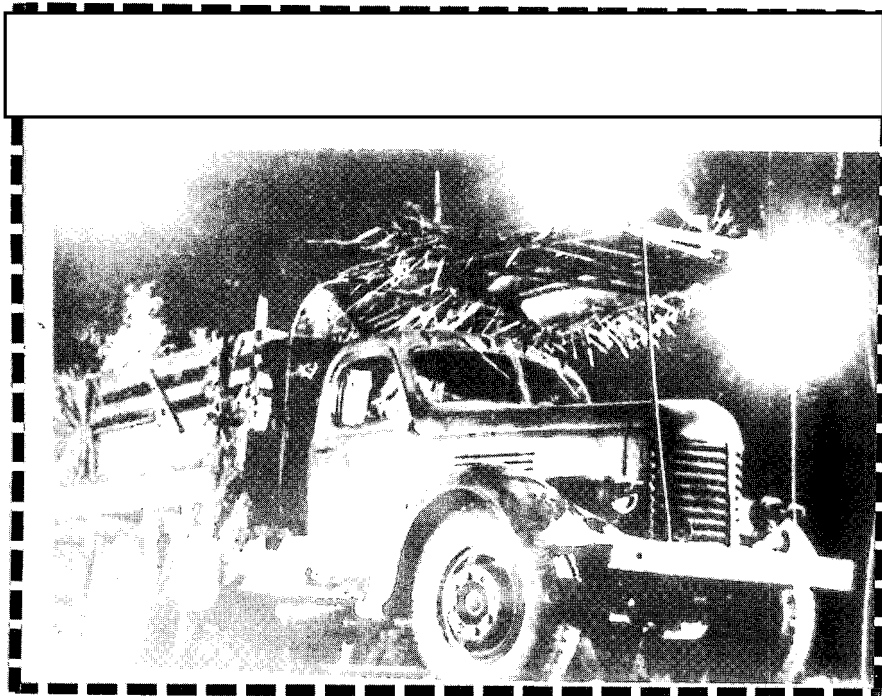
VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED BY AREA\*

<u>Area</u>	<u>Identification</u>
THANH LANH (Figure 7)	2 U/I pieces of equipment
TRUNG MAU (Figure 8)	1 Liberation-type van truck** 1 U/I vehicle
LUU QUANG Tank/Assault-gun Moving-Target Firing Range (Figure 10)	2 T-34 (85) tanks
TRAI KHONG (Figure 11)	1 Fuel truck
Armored-Vehicle Dispersal Area (Figure 18)	1 Liberation-type van truck 7 T-34 (85) tanks (2 in shelters) 1 Van truck 7 U/I possible vehicles
Military Camp DIEN TRU (Figure 19)	7 U/I vehicles 7 U/I possible vehicles
Military Camp DIEN TRU (Figure 20)	1 Camouflaged U/I vehicle
VINH YEN Army Barracks NNE	1 Liberation-type cargo truck on road headed toward barracks area **

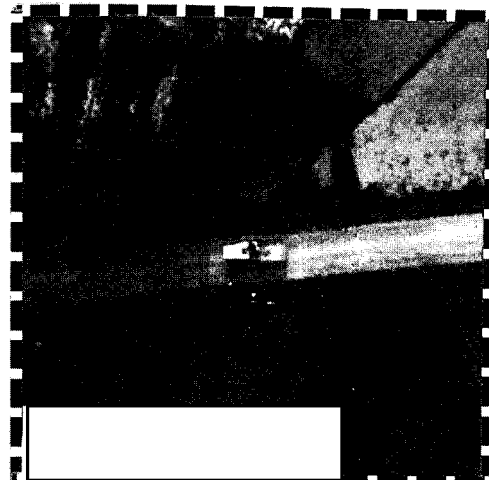
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CHICOM LIBERATION-TYPE TRUCKS  
OBSERVED IN VINH YEN AREA



Liberation-type van truck  
observed at TRUNG MAU (See  
Figure 8)



Liberation-type cargo truck  
on highway headed toward  
VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS NNE

FIGURE 24

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